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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 25, 2000 in connection with the above-captioned application.

The Examiner is also referred to the following commonly owned, co-pending patent applications, which are directed to related technical subject matter:

U.S. Application No. 08/486,533, filed June 7, 1995;

U.S. Application No. 09/487,457, filed January 6, 2000;

U.S. Application No. 09/534,943, filed March 24, 2000;

U.S. Application No. 99/588,655, filed June 6, 2000; and

U.S. Application No. 09/629,430, filed July 13, 2000.

The identification of these U.S. Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present applications as patents. The Examiner is

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Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that was cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

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Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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